

Coastal Resilience TAC Subcommittee Meeting – Federal Installation Partnerships Virtual Meeting

Agenda

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Subcommittee Staff: Jeff Flood, Coastal Planner - VA Coastal Zone Management Program (jefferson.flood@deq.virginia.gov)

Subcommittee Members Present:

- David Paylor, Director - VA Dept. of Environmental Quality (David.Paylor@deq.virginia.gov)
- Shannon Alexander, Director of Planning – Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (salexander@a-npdc.org)
- Rear Admiral Craig Quigley USN (ret), Executive Director - Hampton Roads Military & Federal Facilities Alliance (cquigley@hrmffa.org)
- Kevin Du Bois, DoD Chesapeake Bay Program Coordinator - NAVFACSYS COM MID-ATLANTIC, N45R (kevin.dubois@navy.mil)
- Dr. Jessica Whitehead, Executive Director - Old Dominion University's Institute for Coastal Adaptation & Resilience (ICAR) (jcwhiteh@odu.edu)
- Tom Emerick, District Counsel - USACE Norfolk District (Thomas.M.Emerick@usace.army.mil)

Meeting Participants:

- Rear Admiral Ann Phillips, USN (ret) Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation & Protection (ann.phillips@governor.virginia.gov)
- Bruce Sturk, Director of Federal Facilities Support - City of Hampton (bsturk@hampton.gov)
- Rick Dwyer, Deputy Executive Director - Hampton Roads Military & Federal Facilities Alliance (rdwyer@hrmffa.org)
- Sharon Baxter, Division of Environmental Enhancement Director – VA Dept. of Environmental Quality (sharon.baxter@deq.virginia.gov)
- Matt Dalon, P.E., Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan Program Manager – VA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation (matt.dalon@dcr.virginia.gov)

- Stephanie Hanses – Brown & Caldwell
- Madison Teeter – Wetlands Watch

9:00am Welcome & Roll Call (Mr. Flood, Subcommittee Staff)

The meeting started at 9:03am with Mr. Flood calling the roll of Subcommittee Members, Advisors, and other Panelists. Subcommittee Chair Mr. Crabbs and Mr. Flood will be responsible for meeting notes.

9:05am FOIA Preamble (Mr. Crabbs, Subcommittee Chair)

Mr. Crabbs indicated that all future meetings will be held on the WebEx platform to facilitate public involvement and read the COVID exception for public meetings. He asked for a motion to convene the virtual meeting, which was seconded and approved.

9:10am Overview of Shared Folder / Update on Outreach to Other Federal Installations (Mr. Crabbs, Subcommittee Chair)

Mr. Crabbs gave a recap of his efforts to create and share a Microsoft Teams platform for the Subcommittee to review and edit documents and enhance collaboration. Mr. Crabbs is currently working with state IT professionals to ensure access to all Subcommittee Members. Mr. Crabbs and Mr. Flood have identified additional Federal entities to reach out to and will do so in the coming weeks.

9:15am Feedback from Subcommittee on Purpose Statement & Lines of Effort

Mr. Crabbs gave a brief overview of the components of draft Purpose Statement he created for the Subcommittee, including alignment, strategy, investment, governance, and a model then asked Subcommittee Members for their comments.

- RADM Quigley noted that each of the suggested Purpose Statements align well with the Lines of Effort, but that the last one (*“Build an understanding of federal agency resilience needs (built infrastructure, environmental/natural resources, regulatory, etc.), find common ground and leverage expertise, human capital, and financial assets across local, state, and federal governments to meet shared goals.”*) is the most comprehensive.
- Mr. Emerick agreed with this assessment, but also noted that the third statement (*“Establish a lasting blueprint for federal, state, and local networks to deliver shared strategies and investments for collective resilience.”*) also contained important elements.
- Mr. Emerick, RADM Quigley, and Mr. Paylor then suggested that the word “model” be included. Mr. Paylor added that “resilience” could be defined more precisely as storm and flood resilience.
- Mr. Crabbs confirmed that the Subcommittee would be engaging all Federal installations in the Coastal Zone, not just the DoD. Edits received from this meeting will be incorporated into a revised Purpose Statement by Mr. Crabbs.

Mr. Crabbs then provided an overview of Lines of Effort, which include private, local, state, and Tribal interests in addition to engaging Federal installations. Lines of Effort specifically include awareness, alignment, and action.

- Mr. Du Bois suggested removing “installation” from the list of additional Federal partners as this term may not be used by non-DoD entities. Several other Subcommittee Members concurred

and the Subcommittee voted in favor (none opposed) of renaming Lines of Effort as simply “Federal Partnerships” as appropriate.

- Mr. Crabbs confirmed that the project development effort will be locally-driven and not a top-down approach by the state. This sentiment was echoed by RDML Phillips.
- An emphasis will be placed on using joint land use studies as a model for Federal-local collaboration. Use of existing planning tools and patterning project evaluations after VDOT’s Smart Scale scoring mechanism were suggested by several Subcommittee Members.
- RADM Quigley emphasized this model as a path to reduce favoritism and establish objective criteria. Mr. Dwyer added that the HRTA model would also be useful, albeit with more influence from localities.
- Ms. Katchmark and Dr. Whitehead added that the project selection criteria could be more equitable and that the FIP Subcommittee should coordinate closely with the TAC Project Identification Subcommittee in this specific effort. Focus on a project selection framework which provides a governance model for Federal-local collaboration.
- Mr. Crabbs confirmed that a harmonization of Federal, state, and local prioritization is needed to avoid redundancy and promote synergy.
- RDML Phillips commented that some localities are farther ahead of others and that the state’s role is not to dictate Federal-local partnerships, but to insure that those localities that are further behind in planning are provided with the support to build their capacities as needed.

Mr. Crabbs concluded this discussion with a list of suggested next steps, including bringing in additional speakers and/or inviting Subcommittee Members to speak to local, regional, state, and specific installation perspectives.

- Mr. Du Bois suggested Sentinel Landscapes (USDA-DOI-VA Dept. of Forestry collaborative) as a key entity for consultation.
- RADM Quigley suggested asking local governments, regional governments, and the Navy for their perspectives at future meetings.
- Mr. Du Bois added that he is not aware of a current DoD resilience project prioritization process, but Mr. Crabbs will do follow up research on this.

9:45am ID side research tasks, etc. (Mr. Flood) / Assign Members to Lines of Work (Mr. Crabbs)

Mr. Flood indicated that based on this discussion the next Subcommittee meeting focus would be on inviting guest speakers to share their perspectives on building the previously mentioned relationships. Therefore, assignment of tasks to Subcommittee Members would be postponed until that meeting.

9:55am Set Recurring Subcommittee Meeting Schedule (Mr. Flood, Subcommittee Staff)

Mr. Flood proposed that the Subcommittee meet on the third Wednesday of each month going forward. April 21, 2021 from 10am-12pm was selected as the next meeting date and approved by a Subcommittee vote (several aye’s, no nay’s). Mr. Flood then invited the public to provide any comments. Ms. Baxter and Mr. Dolan responded that they had none. No other public comments were received.

10:00am Adjourn (Mr. Crabbs, Subcommittee Chair)

Mr. Crabbs asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was so moved and seconded. The meeting was ended at 10:06am. The meeting was recorded and posted to the Secretary of Natural Resources' webpage: <https://www.naturalresources.virginia.gov/initiatives/technical-advisory-committee-for-coastal-resilience/meeting-materials/>.